was Rs. 50 crore. The State Government had submitted a report to the Central Government seeking the Central assistance to the State in which 11 district were affected.

Almost for the last five years the cyclone and floods have been causing great damage to the State. During 1990-95, 58 districts was affected and 2245 villages were completely destroyed involving 26.05 lakh people. The assistance provided by the Centre was to meagre that even half of the affected population could not be provided sufficient compensation

I request the Union Government to provide adequate relief to the people affected by cyclone in Andhra Pradesh. I also submit that both Central Government and State Government should evolve some machinery by which the people are given advance warning and are helped for immediate transportation to safer places. Further, both Centre and State should evolve a formula by which immediate assistance to the people who have lost their earning members, houses and crops may be provided

(iv) Need for Early Conversion of Gorakhur-Gonda Railway line into Broadgauge

[Translation]

SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN TIWARI (Dumariyagan); There is a dire need for conversion of Gorakhpur-Gonda railway line into broadgauge because this region is extremely backward and poor and is situated on the border of Nepal That is why most of the population of this area go out and earn their livelihood. This is the passage to Nepal The pressure of population is very much Kapilvastu, Lumbani, Shravasti like famous Buddist pilgrim centres are situated here After conversion into broadguage the pressure on Gorakhpur-Lucknow main line will be reduced considerably A survey in this regard has also been conducted

Therefore, the Central Government is urged upon to take up the gauge conversion immediately and also make provisions to this effect in the coming Rail Budget

(v) Need to Provide Financial Assistance to Government of Bihar for Modernisation of Sone Canal

SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH (Jahanabad) The question of modernisation of Sone Canal is pending with the Government for years together The main canal stretches from Indrapuri Denri and Sone to Patna and it passes through my Parliamentary Constituency The embankments of the canal have become so weak that in the event of release of excess water both embankments are breached and a flood-like situation is created in the villages along the canal.

The depth of the canal is decreasing due to deposit of silt and embankments are about to give way. In such a situation, the people living alongside the canal area do not get enough water for irrigation and sometimes it leads to drought and sufficient produce is not obtained.

The Ministry of Water Resources had constituted a high level Committee in this regard however we have not been apprised of the action taken by the committee as yet.

Therefore the Central Government is requested that positive action should be taken soon for the modernisation of Sone Canal and the Government of Bihar should be provided special funds for this purpose.

(vi) Need for improvement in Drainage System in Fatehpur in Uttar Pradesh

SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD (Fatehpur) In the absence of sewer line in Fatehpur district of Uttar Pradesh, the entire city is flooded during the rainy season claiming hundreds of lives every year The Superintending Engineer, Construction Division, U.P. through Jal Niham, Allahabad vide the letter No. 2455/Accounts/8/95 dated 30.4.1990 released five lakh rupees for the purpose. Subsequently the detailed assessment of the scheme, cost was estimated at Rs. 1291.66 lakhs and after getting the technical approval of Chief Engineer vide letter No 5123/App V Swi/46 dated 14.12.1990, the proposal has been forwarded to Jal Nigam headquarters Now only the funds are to be allocated

Therefore, the Central Government is requested to direct the State Government of Uttar Pradesh to issue financial sanction for the drainage system in Fatehpur city of Uttar Pradesh within the financial year

(vii) Need for Construction of a Road-Cum-Rail Bridge on River Gang at Monghyr, Bihar

SHRI BRAHAMANAND MANDAL (Monghyr) The river Ganga flows between Monghyr and Khagaria in Bihar and I would like to draw the attention of the Central Government towards the need for construction of a Road-cum-Rail bridge over it In 1952, the then Prime Minister Pandit Nehru had visited Monghyr and had promised that a bridge would be constructed on river Ganga at Monghyr. In 1971 the then Prime Minister visited Monghyr for electioneering and she had also given the assurance that a bridge would be

constructed. But the Central Government has made no effort so far in this direction. I sat on a fast unto death in 1994 from 25 October to 6 November over this issue. The then Vice Chairman of Planning Commission and Minister of Commerce had said that the Planning Commission would make provision in 1995-96 budget for the construction of a bridge on river Ganga in Monghyr. He had also assured us that there has been an agreement with the Railways in this regard and the Ministry of Railways and the Ministry of Surface Transport will together allocate funds for this purpose however, no concrete action has been taken for the construction of bridge Therefore the Central Government is requested that a Road-cum-Rail bridge should soon be got constructed on the Ganga river between Monghyr and Khagaria

14.55 hrs.

DEPOSITORIES BILL

[English]

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P CHIDAMBARAM) I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill to provide for regulation of depositories in securities and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto

MR CHAIRMAN (SHRI P M SAYEED) The question is

> "That leave be granted to introduce a Bill to provide for regulation of depositories in securities and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto"

The motion was adopted

SHRI P CHIDAMBARAM I introduce the Bill

14.55 1/2 hrs.

STATEMENT RE DEPOSITORIES (THIRD) ORDINANCE, 1996

[English]

SHRI P CHIDAMBARAM I beg to lay on the Table an explanatory statement (Hindi and English versions) giving reasons for immediate legislation by the Depositories (Third) Ordinance, 1996

[Placed in Library See No LT 36/96]

14.56 hrs.

SUPREME COURT AND HIGH COURT JUDGES (CONDITIONS OF SERVICE) AMENDMENT BILL

[English]

MR. CHAIRMAN : Shri Ramakant D Khalap to seek leave of the House to introduce the Bill.

SHRI P CHIDAMBARAM : I am sorry that the Minister concerned is not present in the House On behalf of Shri Ramakant Khalap, I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Supreme Court Judges (Conditions of Service) Act, 1958 and the High Court Judges (Conditions of Service) Act, 1954

SHRI ANANT KUMAR (Bangalore South) : Why is the Minister in whose name the item has been listed not present in the House? May we know the reason?

MR CHAIRMAN : Now that the Minister concerned has come, let him introduce the Bill

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AFFAIRS, LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D KHALAP) I apologise for not having been present in the House when my name was called out

I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Supreme Court Judges (Conditions of Service) Act, 1958 and the High Court Judges (Conditions of Service) Act, 1954

MR CHAIRMAN The question is

> "That leave be granted to introduce a Bill further to amend the Supreme Court Judges (Conditions of Service) Act, 1958 and the High Court Judges (Conditions of Service) Act, 1954"

The motion was adopted

SHRI RAMAKANT D KHALAP I introduce the Bill.

14.58 hrs.

STATEMENT RE SUPREME COURT AND HIGH COURT JUDGES (CONDITIONS OF SERVICE) AMENDMENT THIRD ORDINANCE, 1996—*Laid*

[English]

SHRI RAMAKANT D KHALAP I beg to lay on the Table an explanatory statement (Hindi and